1. An electrochemical cell, comprising:

a cathode;

an anode; and

a separator disposed between the cathode and the anode, wherein the cathode comprises:

manganese dioxide; and

nonsynthetic, nonexpanded graphite particles having an average particle size of less than about 20 microns.

2. The electrochemical cell according to claim 1, wherein the nonsynthetic, nonexpanded graphite particles have an average size of from about 2 microns to about 12 microns.

3. The electrochemical cell according to claim 1, wherein the nonsynthetic, nonexpanded graphite particles have an average size of from about 5 microns to about 9 microns.

4. The electrochemical cell according to claim 1, wherein the cathode comprises at most about 10 percent nonsynthetic, nonexpanded graphite particles by weight.

5. The electrochemical cell according to claim 1, wherein the electrochemical cell is an alkaline battery.

6. The electrochemical cell according to claim 1, wherein the electrochemical cell is selected from the group consisting of AA batteries, AAA batteries, AAAA batteries, C batteries and D batteries.

7. The electrochemical cell according to claim 1, wherein the separator comprises a nonwoven, non-membrane material and a second nonwoven, non-membrane material disposed along a surface of the first material.

8. The electrochemical cell according to claim 1, wherein the cathode has a porosity of from about 21% to about 28%.

9. The electrochemical cell according to claim 1, wherein the anode comprises zinc particles, and wherein the anode has a porosity of from about 2 grams of zinc particles to about 2.45 grams of zinc particles per cubic centimeter of anode volume.

10. The electrochemical cell according to claim 1, further comprising an electrolytic solution, wherein a weight ratio of the manganese dioxide to the electrolytic solution is from about 2.2 to about 2.9.

11. The electrochemical cell according to claim 1 further comprising an electrolytic solution, wherein the anode comprises zinc particles and a weight ratio of the zinc particles to the electrolytic solution is from about 0.9 to about 1.25.

12. A cathode, comprising:

manganese dioxide; and

nonsynthetic, nonexpanded graphite particles having an average particle size of less than about 20 microns.

13. The cathode according to claim 12, wherein the nonsynthetic, nonexpanded graphite particles have an average size of from about 2 microns to about 12 microns.

14. The cathode according to claim 12, wherein the nonsynthetic, nonexpanded graphite particles have an average size of from about 5 microns to about 9 microns.

15. The cathode according to claim 12, wherein the cathode comprises at most about 10 percent nonsynthetic, nonexpanded graphite particles by weight.

16. The cathode according to claim 12, wherein the cathode has a porosity of from about 21% to about 28%.

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